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Applicant : Gregory J. Roger et al. Art Unit : 3738
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REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003

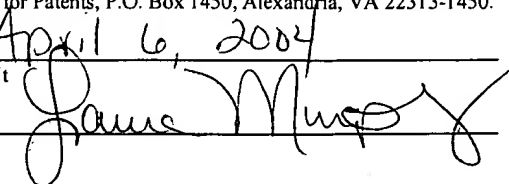
This is in response to the examiner's action dated November 18, 2003. The only outstanding rejection is a nonstatutory double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent 6,235,057. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b), applicants disclose a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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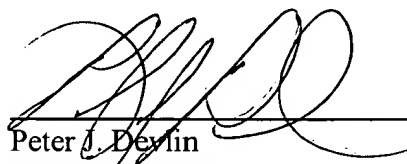
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